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NURSES DECORATED BY ARMY AND NAVY

The story of 11 Navy nurses that began when the Japanese came to the Philippines in 1941 was climaxed this week when the nurses, three of them now on duty at this hospital, were decorated by both the Army and Navy for their unceasing care of sick and wounded in Japanese prison camps.

Lt. Comdr. Laura Maye Cobb (NC) USN, Lt. Edwina Todd (NC) USN, and Lt. Goldia Aimee O'Haver Merrill (NC) USN, were decorated by the Commanding Officer, Capt. C. M. Shaar, (MC) USN, at 1500 Wednesday, September 5, before a staff assembly in the auditorium.

The Navy Nurses received the Army's Bronze Star Medal and the Navy's Gold Star in lieu of a second Bronze Star for meritorious service in the Philippines during the Japanese attack there in 1941-42 and through their more than 37 months of imprisonment.

The citation which accompanies the Navy decoration accorded each of the three Navy Nurses reads as follows:

"For heroic service as a nurse attached to the staff of the Canacao Naval Hospital Unit, during the bombing of the Philippine Islands and the ultimate capture of her unit by enemy Japanese forces, from December 7, 1941, to January 2, 1942. Alerted before down by Japanese bombs striking at nearby Nichols Field on December 9, she ably assisted in preparation for the evacuation of all patients. Working efficiently and with resourceful initiative under the constant threat of enemy attack, she attended the transfer of her charges to a safe area beneath the reinforced concrete floor of the hospital and, although seriously

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Before a staff assembly Capt. C. M. Shaar decorated three Navy nurses for service in the Philippines. Left to right, Lt. Comdr. Cobb, receiving commendation ribbon, Lt. O'Haver Merrill and Lt. Todd.

The visiting troupe of tennis names brought throngs of hospital people out onto the courts to witness the matches. The line-up consisted of, left to right: Wm. Talbert, D. Bundy, J. S. Gallagher, A. Russell, P. Welch, F. Shields, and C. Hunt. G. Mako, who joined the troupe the second day, is not pictured. E. Sheedy, at announcer's mike, was accompanying referee.

Tennis Names Draw Hospital Crowds Out to Witness Brilliant Exhibition

By E. R. BRENNAN, PhM2c

Big league tennis made a spectacular debut at the Long Beach Naval Hospital courts Sept. 13 and 14 when seven of the country's leading racket-wielders appeared in a series of USO-sponsored exhibition matches.

For the majority of the hundred of patients and staff members who were able to attend the afternoon matches it was a revelation of the rugged nature of topnotch tennis. The hospital's welfare and recreation department was in charge of the event and on the second day made the matches a really gala event by distributing to spectators free soft drinks and ice cream.

The feminine contingent of visitors included Dorothy Bundy, fourth ranking woman amateur, the pert and pretty Jane Syanton Gallagher and lithe attractive Peggy Welch.

Francis X. Shields of New York, former national singles champion;

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HC, MC, NC Defrosted; Quick Demobilization

Where to set up the files on demobilization, along with the two Chief Pharmacist's Mates, P. J. Kochinski and J. E. Deworocki, in charge, presented an acute problem! The fact that the Hospital Corps had been defrosted was causing no small amount of consternation due to the "office housing" situation. Then the light appeared —the refrigerator room in the basement of the main building could serve, and quite apropos at that!

Enlisted men eligible for discharge or release from active duty now begin proceedings with the assistance of the two chielfs. (Incidentally, they are both adding themselves to the first list of eligibles for discharge—legitimately, of course.) Medical and hospital corps officers submit data qualifying them for release to Pharm. C. L. Morris, located in the Administration office, 1st desk.

POINTS REQUIRED

Effective September 15, 1945, the medical, hospital and nurses corps are included in the point releasing system, with the required scoring as follows: Nurses, 35 points; medical officers (doctors) 60 points; male and female officers in the hospital corps, including hospital specialists, 49 and 35 points respectively; pharmacist's mates and hospital corpsmen, 44 points for corpsmen and 29 for Waves.

OVERSEAS CREDITED

Although the Navy delayed in allowing point credit for overseas duty—a necessity in order not to deplete the Pacific fleet in a hasty demobilization—it has now devised a formula which grants a quarter of a point for every month of duty outside of the continental United States.

Those who can glean the sufficient number of points according to the accepted formula are eligible for discharge. One-half point is allotted for each month of active duty since September 1, 1939; one-half point for each year of age, computed to the nearest birthday; ten points for dependents, not acquired after August 15, 1945; and

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Admiral Visits Here

Rear Adm. Wm. J. C. Agnew, Assistant Chief of Bureau of Medicine and Surgery came aboard for a tour of inspection on Friday afternoon. 14 Sept. Admiral Agnew visited the hospital in the company of Captain C. M. Shaar, and was very much pleased with the good work the hospital is doing in taking care of the sick and injured servicemen.

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To Prospective Civilians

Psychologists used to explain the crime wave after the last war by saying that it was usual reaction of men to the sudden release from military discipline and the abrupt transition to peacetime life. As a matter of fact, there is much to be said in support of such a theory. Sheer exuberance at the thought of returning to civilian life can lead to much unnecessary disturbance of the reconversion period . . . witness the recent incidents on V-J Day in San Francisco. There is no denying that in the dire emergency of war as we found in December 1941, a serviceman must surrender in the interest of his country a good deal of his individuality, bury his personal likes and dislikes beneath the uniform for the sake of an efficient, well-ordered Army and Navy. That always had and always will be the rule . . . "when a nation's life is in peril, we've no time to think of men." However, the real danger is, of course, that some men, not understanding the temporary nature of war and its exigencies, may lose on the one hand their initiative and that capacity for independent thinking which is the foundation of democracy. The other extreme is the danger of men giving way to unrestrained outbursts of emotion, in the childish attempt to exercise all their newly restored freedom immediately. Since this urge is so basically natural and has been controlled so long, it is easy to overlook the inevitable repercussions.

The problem is one for each returning veteran to ponder over seriously. Whether our country will be forced to weather another tempestuous era of social readjustment as we did in the early twenties, depends in large part on how smoothly and quietly we fit ourselves and our buddies back into the pattern of peacetime living. Our own personal happiness and the general welfare of every community in America will be assured if we return to civil life as mature, responsible citizens.

Atomized Heat Near

SCHENECTADY (CNS) — The most probable use of atomic energy, which is presently the basis of the atomic bomb, will be as a source of heat, General Electric scientists state.

Postwar Employment for Hospital Corpsmen

WASHINGTON, D. C. (HCQNS) Peoples Drug Stores, operating retail and prescription pharmacies, doing one and one-half million prescriptions yearly in Washington, D. C., Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Tennessee and West Virginia, request that any hospital corpsmen expecting to be discharged contact them with reference to employment as there are now many openings for registered and unregistered personnel, both men and women.

For further information write Raymond Watson (a former Navy pharmacist) at 77 "P" Street, NE, Washington, D. C.

The Upjohn Company, manufacturers of pharmaceuticals, Kalamazoo, Mich., is planning an expansion program in its sales and medical service staff. This type of work requires men who are qualified as registered pharmacists or those who have had premedical academic sciences. Representatives should call on physicians for the purpose of acquainting them with the various medicinal products manufactured by The Upjohn Company, as well as contacting the various outlets for such products such as drug stores and hospitals.

If you feel you are qualified either because of training received before entering the Navy or because of training received while in the Navy and are interested in such a position, you should contact the Sales Department of The Upjohn Company, Kalamazoo, Mich., for further details and information.

DDT May Eliminate Mosquitoes, Flies

By Ships' Editorial Association

Flies and mosquitoes could be eliminated from the United States in a period of several years by the scientifically controlled use of DDT insecticides, according to Dr. Paul Lauger, director of DDT research, in Basle, Switzerland.

Although such a program is theoretical and requires much planning, the insect-killing project could stop malaria, typhus and all diseases transmitted by flies and mosquitoes.

On the debit side, DDT kills all insects good and bad. As a result insect-eating birds and fish would die, Dr. Lauger stated.

DDT is never fatal to humans, and is harmful only when used in solvent form which could be absorbed by the skin.

CHAPLAINS' COLUMN

Vincent J. Hope, Lt. (CHC) USNR.....Catholic Chaplain
Wendell Wheeler, Lt. Comdr. (CHC) USNR
Howard M. Felton, Lt. (CHC) USNR
John Whitesel, Lt. jg (CHC), USNR
.....Protestant Chaplains

Emanuel L. Lifschitz, Lt. (CHC) USNR.....Jewish Chaplain

The Catholic Mass at 0845 and the Protestant Services at 1000, both in the auditorium of this hospital on every Sunday, will be transmitted via the radio-channel system to the bed-patients.

CATHOLIC

Masses are celebrated twice each Sunday in the Auditorium at 0645 and 0845. On week days Mass is celebrated in the Chapel in the Chaplain's Office at 0645. Chaplain Vincent J. Hope is the celebrant. Confessions are heard on Sundays before Mass and during the week at any time.

PROTESTANT

Protestant Services are held each Sunday in the Auditorium at 1000. One of the chaplains conducts the service and preaches the sermon. Special music of an inspiring nature is provided each Sunday.

JEWISH

Jewish Services are held each Friday afternoon at 1500 in the class room opposite Ward W-1. The Chaplain will also be at the hospital on Thursday and Friday for personal counseling.

Everyone at the Hospital is cordially invited to attend the service of his choice and to find the inspiration that worship brings.

VICTORY

By Chaplain Wendell Wheeler

What shall we do with the peace? Shall we attempt a "return to normalcy" as we did after the last war? Are we interested only in the "good old days?" If so we are doomed to disappointment. Time never turns backward. We can build good new days if we will.

We met the challenge of war magnificently. The challenge of peace is equally great, but not so exciting. The war had to be fought, but it settled no problems. With victory the opportunity of solving them is ours. If we muff our chance, then new wars will spring up on the old issues.

San Francisco laid the foundation for world co-operation. We in the United States, with our experience of co-operation among people from many nations, can do more to build worthily on that foundation than any other people. Will we care enough to follow through?

In many cases our personal lives were disrupted by the war. Will we now turn backward or forward?

Your Chaplain naturally thinks that religion is the only satisfactory approach to our problems, personal and social. At its worst, religion divides people. True religion unites. "We are fellow workers for God." "By this shall all men know ye are my disciples, if ye have love, one for another." Let us work together. With God's help we can win the peace as we have won the war!

Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important.

SERVICEMEN MAY VOTE IN STATE ELECTIONS

The procedures for absentee voting by members of the armed forces which were established for the national election last year continue to apply to state elections. During the next three months, the following elections will be held:

Illinois—6 Nov. 1945, Special congressional, various counties.

Massachusetts — November and December, Various towns and cities.

Michigan—6 Nov., Municipal, Detroit.

New Jersey—6 Nov., General State.

New York—6 Nov., General State.

Ohio—6 Nov., General, city officials.

Pennsylvania—6 Nov., City, County, Superior Court.

Virginia—6 Nov., General State.

Servicemen who are eligible to vote in these elections may procure absentee ballots by sending in the official postcard application. These applications, as well as further information about absentee voting, may be obtained from the Voting Officer, Lt. W. N. Francis, in the Educational Services Office, west of N-14.

Government Continues Handling Insurance

WASHINGTON (SEA)—National Service Life Insurance is government insurance and will not be taken over by private companies, Navy insurance officers have stated.

Issued by the government, the insurance is administered by the Veterans' Administration, and will continue to be government insurance, whether the individual is in or out of the service.

Nurses Decorated

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hampered by limited facilities and inadequate drug supplies, rendered sympathetic care to our sick and wounded during fearful hours which preceded their evacuation to Sternberg Hospital in Manila. Concerned only for the safety of her patients, she remained with her unit throughout the period of siege and accepted the hazards of subsequent evacuation with gallant fortitude. Indomitable in her strength and courage she inspired her patients with courage and ministered to their comfort and well being until ultimately captured by the Japanese. Her dauntless determination, zealous efforts and unselfish devotion to duty in the face of unprecedented hardship upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The Army Citation reads:

"For meritorious achievement, while in the hands of the enemy, in caring for the sick and wounded."

The Navy Nurses, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal ribbon with Gold Star for the second award, wear the Army Distinguished Unit Badge, the American Defense Service ribbon with star, the Pacific and Asiatic Service ribbon with two stars, the Philippine Defense ribbon with one star, and the Philippine Liberation ribbon with one star.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Officers reporting aboard the U. S. Naval Hospital, Long Beach, are as follows: Capt. Edwin G. Graves, MC, USNR, reporting for duty from Base Hospital No. 15; Lt. Comdr. Richard Schorr, MC, USNR, just returned from Base Hospital No. 18; Lt. W. P. Aikin, MC, USNR, from the USNH, Philadelphia, on duty in the NP service; Lt. F. H. Johnson, MC, USNR, reporting to this station for a second time, having served for an interim of three months at the USNH, Philadelphia; Lt. (jg) Willard Marmelszadt, MC, USNR, who comes from Queen of Angels Hospital, Los Angeles, for indoctrination; Lt. (jg) Gussie S. Kingsley (W), USNR, reported from Gulf Sea Frontier, Miami, Florida, and serving in Civil Readjustment (W) with a collateral duty, as WR Representative; Lt. (jg) Marion F. Wilson (W), USNR, attached to the Personnel officer comes from the CB Replacement Depot, Camp Parks, Shoemaker; Ens. Margaret L. Einbeckee, H(W), USNR, reporting from Navy Training School, Washington, D. C., for duty in the Physical Therapy department; Pharm. C. S. Sherman, USN reporting from Naval Medical Storehouse, San Pedro, and assigned to similar duty here.

Detached—Comdr. F. T. Bond, MC, USNR, to Corps Evacuation Hospital No. 3 via Com. 12; Lt. Comdr. Malcolm E. Musser, (S), USNR, and Lt. Comdr. E. A. Klauber, MC, USNR, released from active duty; Lt. Comdr. Clair P. Cosgrove, MC V(S) USNR, transferred to Adv. Base Rec. Barracks, Naval Base, Port Hueneme; Lt. George W. Elerding, MC, USNR, detached to Camp Wallace, Texas; Lt. (jg) Roma Mead Sink H (W), USNR detached to separation center, Rec. Sta. Terminal Island for release to civilian life, and Pharm. P. F. Stables, USN, to Nav Med School Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., for temporary duty, under instruction in Malariology.

Library One of the Vital Functions of the Hospital

By Nancy Haynes, Librarian

Two small boys entered the public library one day, whispering to each other and walking on tip-toe out of respect for the books. Ulysses was four, and Lionel, although older, was not quite bright. He didn't read books, and he hadn't come to the library to get any for himself. "He just liked to see them . . . the thousands of them . . . . Lionel pointed out more books to Ulysses. 'These,' he said, 'and those over there. And these. All books, Ulysses.' He stopped a moment to think. 'I wonder what they say in all these books.' He pointed out a whole vast area of them, five shelves full of them. 'All these,' he said, 'I wonder what they say' . . . 'There, Ulysses,' he said . . . a little more frightened at what he was doing, Lionel lifted the book out of the shelf, held it in his hands a moment and then opened it. 'There, Ulysses,' he said. 'A book. There it is. See? They're saying something in the print of the book!' "

The library is one of the most frequented places, by both staff and patients.

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Patients confined to the ward welcome the book carts.

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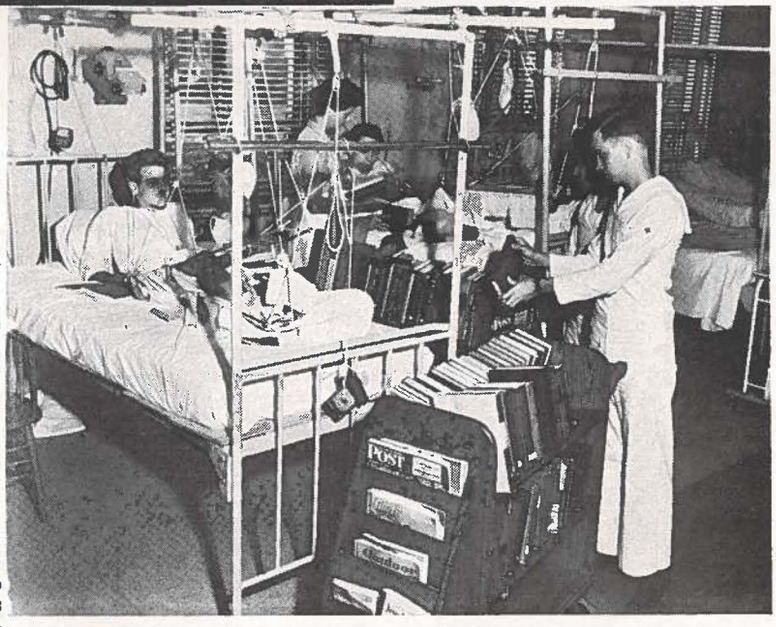
Bed patients are most receptive readers.



Every library should be alive with this same feeling of wonderment at the miracle of the vast knowledge which has been and is still being recorded by the printed page. Books themselves should give vitality to any room. All libraries should have the atmosphere that the books on the shelves are saying something to each individual.

Our library is physically small, a crowded room with eight tiers of books that nearly reach to the ceiling, encircling the walls. Our physical limitations in no way limit our ideals for the library, its growth in circulation, or collection.

The ideals of the library is to take care of the reading interests of the staff and patients of the hospital, and these are many and varied. Some of the requests have been for commercial pheasant raising, stationary engineering, fly tying, embalming, forestry, gas turbines and jet propulsion, fire service hydraulics, "Joe, the Wounded Tennis Player," and "Forever Amber" (fifteen copies).

Many of you who are interested in getting into Civil Service positions will want to know that we have fifteen books on Civil Service examinations.

The library is available to the bed patients, as well as to the up patient. Our ward schedule is as follows.

Monday and Thursday mornings —B1, 2, 3; C2, 3; W2, 3, 5, 6, 9.

Tuesday and Thursday mornings —N1 through N14; C1; E1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14.

Wednesday and Friday mornings —SOQ; E3, 4.

Even if you don't want to read, you are welcome to come into the library just to look at the books, or just to sit down.

A conference is a group of men who individually can do nothing, but as a group can meet and decide nothing can be done.

Perry's Flag First To Fly Over Japs In World War II

By Ships' Editorial Association

The first American flag to be raised over Japanese territory in World War II was the same flag Commodore Perry hoisted near Yokohama on 14 July 1853, when he landed at Uraga for his interview with Japanese commissioners.

During World War II this flag was raised on Gehh Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands on 31 Jan. 1944, the first American colors to be flown over Japanese territory.

Smitty in Transportation Began Navy Career at 17

"Smitty," head chauffeur in the transportation department, might wear civilian garb but he's one of the saltiest salts on the station. "P. R." or "Smitty" dashed off to join the Navy at the early age of seventeen. A "minority cruise" was then opened to "kids" providing dad gave an okay.

This bell-bottom trousered lad became part of the crew of the U.S.S. Tennessee and remained there following his reenlistment. Basketball became a favorite diversion with Smitty and his mates, and when in port they challenged all of the leading west coast universities. Smitty recalls battling against all-Americans such as Hank Luisetti of the University of Stanford, Hal Lee, who starred for the University of Washington, and Lee "Rubber Legs" Guterro from USC. Our own Smitty was being recognized for his stellar brand of playing and was selected as forward on the All-Navy team from 1930 to 1936. He held the All-Navy individual scoring record with 39 points he accumulated during one game against the U.S.S. Langley. This sensational score was the top record in the fleet for a period of twelve years. Smitty's remarkable playing won a handful of handsome scholarships for him—the Naval Academy, University of Indiana, Purdue (both located in his native state) and Southern California, none of which could lure him away from the fleet.

"Smitty" of transportation dispatches an ambulance.

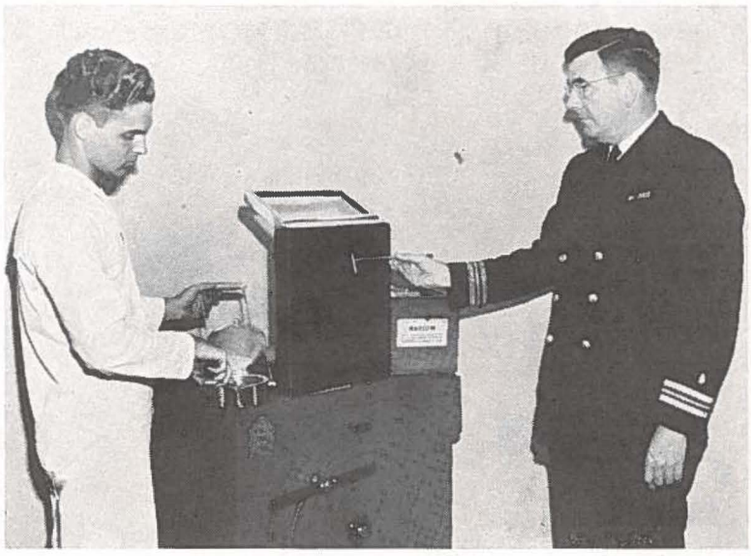
In June 1936, Smitty decided to have a taste of civilian life, but in September 1939 he was enlisted again at Norfolk, Virginia, went aboard the U.S.S. Ellis, and spent 89 days on neutrality patrol.

He later transferred to the U.S.S. Navajo, which was the first of the million dollar tugs. On a shakedown cruise between New York and Cuba, the tug swept into a typhoon, listed 57 degrees starboard and 55 degrees port! The unbelievable survival was noted in the ship's log, and the figures went on file in Washington, D. C.

During its tour of duty, the Navajo towed the largest pre-war floating dry dock from Panama to Pearl Harbor. The journey of 4,685 miles took 45 days of continuous steaming, the refueling taking place at sea. Until the war broke out the Navajo topped the record for consecutive steaming. On checking in at Pearl Harbor the tug towed barges to Midway, Wake, the Johnson Islands, and Palmyra. Smitty returned to Mare Island, but was again in Pearl Harbor at the time of the bombing on the 7th of December.

In 1942 Smitty received a medical discharge and in November of that same year came aboard at the Naval Hospital to supervise the 33 motor vehicles, 11 civilian drivers, and an equal number of enlisted men which make up the transportation department.

Smitty is proud of his two adopted children, Patricia Ann and Kenneth Bruce. He's already looking forward to the day the son (now 11 months) registers at Notre Dame. No bell-bottom trousers for Smitty the second, and yet "pater" wouldn't have missed the Navy for anything!



Radiologist Lt. Comdr. Robinson, assisted by technician H. W. Knickerbocker, PmM3c, carefully checks shipment of radium from Bureau of Standards before placing it in safe.

Supply of Radium Delivered to LBNH

Three hundred and five milligrams of radium were delivered to the Long Beach Naval Hospital on V-J Day. It is significant, therefore, that with the cessation of hostilities a powerful weapon should be made available at this hospital for the treatment of cancer and allied diseases. Radium, surgery and X-ray are the approved agents in the attack on malignant tumors. In the near future a super-voltage deep-therapy X-ray unit is scheduled for installation, which will further increase the facilities now available to the tumor service.

Radium is a natural radio-active element having a life of 2440 years. It is extracted from radium-bearing ores found in the region of the Great Bear Lake in Canada near the Arctic Circle, and from the rich mineral deposits in the Belgian Congo, Africa. The price of radium is approximately thirty thousand dollars per gram and an ounce of radium is worth nearly a million dollars.

With the constant atomic degeneration of radium, three rays are given off—the alpha, beta and gamma rays. The alpha rays are helium particles and are of little value in therapy. The beta rays are negatively charged particles capable of penetrating one centimeter of tissue and are useful mainly in the field of dermatology. The gamma rays are electromagnetic in nature, similar to X-rays, but with shorter wave lengths and greater penetration than ordinary X-rays. The gamma radiation is used in the treatment of deep seated growths.

All radium preparations are measured by the Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C., and a certificate issued giving the exact amount of radium contained in each needle, tube or plaque. Radium salts are placed in various types of metal applicators suitable for treatment of a wide variety of lesions.

Great care must be exercised in the handling of radium in order to avoid local and systemic damage to the individual using it. Madame Curie said that radium is a dangerous agent in untried hands. When not in use the radium is kept in a locked safe inside a block of lead with walls four inches thick. Long handled forceps are used to manipulate the needles and containers making it possible, therefore, to make up radium preparations of varying amounts depending upon the condition to be treated.

Radium is a valuable adjunct to surgery and X-rays and it may be used alone or in combination with them. Both radium and X-rays have a selective effect on tumor cells. As a rule cancer tissue is four to seven times more sensitive than normal tissue. The ability to cause the disappearance or regression of tumor cells with the least possible damage to the normal structures is the ideal method of treatment.

Radium has proven to be especially useful in the treatment of hemangiomas (birth marks), keloids and hypertrophied scars, polypoid sinus disease, skin cancer, lip cancer, malignant lesions of the cheek, tongue and larynx, as well as in uterine, rectal and bladder cancer.

Cancer is now second only to heart disease among the causes of death and since it is known that malignant tumors occur at all ages it is fortunate, indeed, that the tumor service has an additional weapon—three hundred and five milligrams of radium—for an almost indefinite and sustained attack on cancer.

Government Jobs Going to Veterans

The Government orders immediate stoppage of applications from persons who are not veterans or who have not worked for the Government before in order to "set the example in providing the members of the Armed Forces with maximum possible opportunities for employment." (Times 8-17)

Less "Beef" As New Chow Hall Opens!

"Taking a little of the beef out of the chow line" came about when a second chow hall came into operation and to a great extent alleviated the lengthy line which always persisted when one mess hall accommodated the thousands of uppatients and staff!

The second mess hall, located between Wards N9 and N10 in the new addition, is restricted to patients. There are approximately 30 masonite-topped tables with attached seats occupying the main section of the hall, with five tables and chairs reserved for Chief Petty Officers.

With two lines in operation it is possible to serve fourteen individuals a minute, 1200 persons passing through at a usual chow period. Hours of service are: morning chow from 0630 to 0740; noon between 1100 and 1220; evening from 1600 to 1710. Special diet cases continue to be served at the old chow hall.

This new hall, whose menu is a duplicate of that served to staff and civilian employees in the main building, is staffed by six cooks, eleven mess attendants and thirteen hospital corpsmen. Ch. Pharm. R. F. Christopher and L. Churchman, CCS, in charge of the new mess hall, are under the supervision of Lt. J. L. Mullen, Commissary Officer.

Demobilization

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one-fourth of a point for each month of overseas duty since September 1, 1939.

DEMOBILIZATION SCHEDULE

The Navy has fixed a fast demobilization schedule which will bring it to peacetime strength by August 31, 1946. One out of every three Naval personnel will be out in five months (mid-February), one of every two out in seven months (mid-April) and two of every three out in nine months (mid-June).

SEPARATION CENTER

At the separation center the separatee is given a complete final physical examination, receives any service and mustering out pay to which he is entitled, and is interviewed by qualified men in the Civil Readjustment department and appropriately referred to special consultants.

During the short stay at a center, probably less than 72 hours, the separatee is provided with an accurate summary of his education, training, and experience, including a translation of military specialties into civilian skills.

In addition to receiving full information as to his rights and benefits as a veteran, he is given practical assistance regarding plans for education, training or employment by utilizing the service of special consultants available to help him. The four Navy consultants are the chaplain, the educational services officer, the benefits and insurance officer, and the legal assistance officer. There are five special consultants from government civilian agencies, including the Veterans Administration, American Red Cross, U. S. Employment Service, U. S. Civil Service Commission, and Selective Service System.

There is no limit to the good a man can do if he doesn't care who gets the credit.

PVT. KARL HUBENTHAL, USMCR, NATIONALLY KNOWN SPORTS CAR TOONIST, PATIENT ON N-13, GIVES AN ORIGINAL TO THE SANTANA.

Dermatologist Instructor At Harvard Medical School

M. M. Tolman, Lt. Comdr., MC, USNR, one of the prominent dermatologists in the United States, reported here in January 1945, to head Dermatology and Syphilology.

Upon entrance into the service in 1942, Dr. Tolman served at St. Albans Naval Hospital in New York, proceeding to the overseas Base Hospital No. 12 in southern England as dermatologist for that area. Due to his program for treatment of burn cases, prior to and incident to D-Day in Europe, the commendation ribbon was awarded Dr. Tolman. An excerpt of Adm. Harold R. Stark's recommendation reads:

"Your work in instructing and indoctrinating clinical teams for the most efficient and modern treatment of burns was outstanding. Your meticulous professional supervision was reflected in the excellent results obtained in the cases of large numbers of battle casualties . . . the superior quality of your services, in both routine and consultative capacities, was appreciated by all."

Lt. Comdr. Tolman treats a dermatology

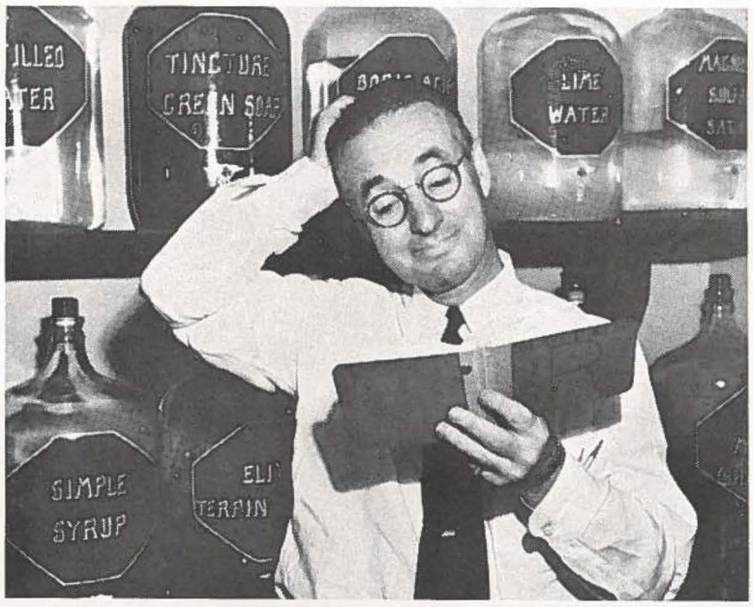
Dr. Tolman graduated from the Harvard Medical School in 1927. He served as instructor in the dermological department at Harvard and will resume that teaching position upon completion of service in the Navy. As a collateral duty to the instructorship, Dr. Tolman acted as consultant to the Massachusetts Eye-Ear Infirmary, the Boston Psychopathic hospital, and a number of other medical institutions.

Prior to going into medicine, Dr. Tolman trained in the studies of comparative languages and literature and was prepared for a life of teaching in that direction. A family medical tradition caused him to change his mind and go into medicine, but he compromised by teaching in the field. He has, however, maintained an interest in books and literature and has given a number of book reviews.

To be equipped in two fields of work would seem to indicate all study and no diversion, but not so for Dr. Tolman—he's always managed time to include baseball from the spectator angle, and golf in which he enthusiastically participates.

Medico: "Is there any insanity in your family?"

Mate: "There must be. They keep writing me for money."



Ch. Hinckley attempts to decipher puzzling prescriptions which come to pharmacy.

PRESCRIPTION PERPLEXITIES INSTIGATED BY ODD REQUESTS WHICH COME TO PHARMACY

Don't think that a thorough pharmaceutical background prepare one to cope with the business that comes across the Pharmacy counter at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Long Beach!

Our own Chief Hinckley, with approximately thirty years of experience in the Hospital Corps of the Navy, became perplexed after a series of puzzling prescriptions calling for non-existent substances came to his attention. The Chief finally assembled these oddities and has a bulging book for anyone's edification. Following are a few of the horrible examples:

A request for "Aspirin, 70%, 500 cc" seems to indicate that someone has two-thirds of a headache and desires his aspirin in liquid form. Next, a prescription with signa gives orders for administration: "One or two drops in either nose." Out of all the freaks strolling around none has ever appeared with more than one nasal appendage.

Had the "Tr. Green Soap, 1:1000" been prepared, the recipient would probably have created a mental lather trying to develop a soapy one out of that!

The writer of a prescription specifying "Ethel—Alcohol" possibly had in mind a bar maid when he penned that one. And the dreaming individuals desiring "Saccharine" but spelling it "Sachyrine" and "Sachrin" probably had the names of their "sweeties" in mind.

The pharmacy staff was on the point of turning over a request for "Chlorine, 500cc," a deadly gas used by the Germans during the First World War, to the F.B.I. for investigation when it was discovered that the lady really wanted Azochloramid. Another specimen was "Solution P" which was turned over to the Laboratory for analysis.

There is the rare prescription calling for 500 cc of one ingredient and 83 cc of another, then specifying that the finished product should total 500 cc. After consultation with mathematicians it was discovered that it's arithmetically impossible. A reward of ten extra points toward discharge stands for anybody who can equally divide 0.1 gram of Metallic Mercury between two separate bottles!

Then there's the one headed "U.S.N.H., Long Island, City." It would appear that our reputation has spread to the East Coast. A request for 50—1½ grain capsules of Nembutal was signed by "Nembutal." Well, perhaps it is natural to favor one's own product!

The party desiring "Spirits of Fermenti" was convinced that Whiskey was a suitable substitute. But what to do upon receipt of signed prescriptions not specifying the products desired could be solved only by assuming **blank** expressions when the representatives of the wards appeared at the Pharmacy for the order.

"Tr. Belladona Spray" was desired by a certain activity in the hospital and when questioned as to the use of it, 'twas revealed that the tincture spray was to "eradicate flies!" So the Pharmacy crew, always ready for experiment, discovered that is stimulated the flies and increased the number of their progeny.

Somebody suggests that the name of this article be changed from **Prescription Perplexities** to **What's On Your Mind**—but we can't be insultin'!

Rate Advancements

To PhM2c: Caldwell, Ford M.; Gavan, William T.; Graham, Robert A. jr.; Jones, Minor L.; Moore, Andre J.; Wahlig, Marguerite A.; Williams, Wallace W.; Medina, Jennie M.; Bratton, Thomas A.

To PhM3c: Farris, Phyllis E.; Bougie, Theresa D.; Henderson, Joseph H.; Kirkland, Ernest; Miller, R. E.; Weiser, B. M.; Rolfe, C. H.; Rauch, Paul; Simpson, W.; Muller, Betty; Rodgers, Edward; Bruner, P. L.; Hickman, R. W.; Renney, L. B.

To HA1c: Scherer, G. R.; Swets, Jack; Fischer, E. J.; Spalty, R. F.; Gude, H. E.; Wirth, D. A.; Garrison, T. W.; Solinas, S. H.; Wesley, E. B.; Wittler, LeRoy; Chow, Lawrence; Pronsolino, G. H.; Bender, A; Horwitz, I. J.; and Lindstrom, J. A.

REHABILITATION ITEMS

WANTED! 12,000 Medical and Dental Students

A nation-wide campaign is under way to fill the Veterans Administration's need for 15,000 Medical officers, the Army's for 10,000, and the Navy's for 5,000, plus thousands for civilian and relief agencies. Although during the war the U. S. trained doctors and dentists more rapidly than ever before, a tremendous gap in the training program was caused by the drafting of pre-med students after July 1944.

This fall medical schools are feeling the lack of candidates for their first year classes. To meet the need for doctors and dentists, the War Manpower Commission is launching a campaign to recruit 12,000 discharged veterans into these fields of study.

These 12,000 medical and dental students will be educated either wholly or in part under the G.I. Bill of Rights. This Bill entitles veterans to tuition and books not to exceed $500 per year and subsistence allowance of $50 or ($75 with dependents) for one year for every veteran plus time equal to time in service for men who were under 25 at the time of enlistment.

The Educational Services Office, west of N-14, will answer any questions regarding credits or rights under the G.I. Bill or will help plan a course of instruction at a self-study level for prospective students—application forms for college credit for military training (Recruit, Corps School, Technician Courses, Rate Training) are obtainable also from this office, as well as full information on pre-medical and medical requirements, schools and curricula.

Medical Officers Rate Refresher Training

Columbia University, recognizing the need for refresher training for medical officers returning to civilian practice, has established a series of courses which may be taken under the G.I. Bill of Rights. There are three types of training offered this fall by this University: Short refresher courses, full time clinical training in residence, and general review of basic sciences and major clinic fields.

It is possible that other medical schools will offer similar refresher training as more doctors are released from military service. The G. I. Bill of Rights covers refresher courses of one year's length or less for all veterans regardless of age. Under this plan tuition and equipment expenses up to $500 per year will be paid for by the U. S. Government plus a monthly subsistence allowance of $50 or $75 (with dependents). This training may be taken on either a full time or a part time basis.

The capacity of receiving pleasure from common things is one of the secrets of a happy life.

Sport Light

NH Team Tops City Recreation League

FINAL SCORES

NH	18;	Huntington Beach	8
NH	3;	Escobar	0
NH	7;	Vultee	1
NH	5;	Shipwright	0
NH	1;	Dandee Market	3
NH	6;	Cuttle Pump	5
NH	3;	Dandee Market	1
NR	0;	Signal Hill Oilers	3
NH	6;	Escobar	0
NH	0;	Lockheed	4
NH	7;	Lockheed	0
NH	5;	Sepulveda	2
NH	2;	Cuttle Pump	3

As the softball season draws to a close it finds the Naval Hospital still one of the top teams on the coast. The NH opened the third round of the Recreation League, defeating Cons. Vultee 7-1, despite the loss of three of the key players, Gindling, Crist and Crandall. This necessitated the use of new men and the shifting of old men to other positions. However, despite this makeshift line-up the NH went on to defeat the next opponent, Shipwright, with a score of 5 to 0. Fanning allowed the visiting team only one hit.

The following week the NH team played the powerful Cuttle Water Wells for championship of league. Trailing in the game up to the last inning with a score of 5 to 3 the NH put on a Frank Merriwell finish. With two outs, a man on 2nd and 3rd, Fanning, the NH ace pitcher, let the first balls go by for call strikes. With tension at its peak Fanning cracked the next ball for a two-base hit, driving in the necessary runs to win the ball game with a score of 6 to 5, thus winning the league championship for the third round!

One of the individual stars for the season was **Fanning** who was not only the top pitcher in the league but also won a league batting crown with an average of .692, a great achievement for a pitcher. **Kelly,** the team's right fielder and catcher was also one of the main reasons for the team's high standing. His powerful hitting was a constant danger to the opposing pitcher. The Naval Hospital infield which is composed of **Boatright, Rolfe, Coker, Hever,** and **Patrick**, was one of the best in the league. **Pearl,** first string catcher, was one of the contributing factors of a successful season. The Naval Hospital outfield included such stars as **Guentner, Murphy** and **Snyder.**

OFFICERS

The Hospital Officers Nine won the 3B city third round championship and immediately entered their names in the city playoffs. They drew a bye, then tackled Bethany Baptists, beating them into the turf to the tune of 8 to 3. This put the blues in the semi wind-up. Full of confidence and determination the team went out two nights later and engaged the Drakes, 1929 champions. With the score tied and no outs, the first man up hit a well delivered blooper ball for a four sacker. The Officer team had left the field before the ball hit the ground out in right field. The Drakes later went on to win the City Championship.

The roster was sent in for the Southern California playoffs, and the team journeyed to an ill-lit field in Compton. Meeting the Los Angeles Gay Engineers the Officers swept through the first game 6-5. Two days later the brass traveled to Los Angeles and very confidently stepped to the plate against a Los Angeles Bus Driver outfit. However, the LABD's slugged the brassies 17 to 7.

Tennis Exhibition

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the Navy's own Chief Specialist Gene Mako; Alejo Russell, the Argentine champ, and Charles Hunt, former Southern California champion, were the visiting male stars.

William Talbert, who won nine straight tournaments before bowing to Sergt. Frankie Parker in the recent national amateur singles championship at Forest Hills, N. Y., also was in the troupe but a knee that he injured there kept him from performing.

All seven of the exhibiting amateurs had competed in the Forest Hills championships before embarking on a USO tour of military establishments.

In the Sept. 13 opening matches, Miss Bundy, whose mother, May Sutton Bundy of Santa Monica, was serving aces 20 years ago in such illustrious company as Helen Wills, Shields and Russell stood out. Miss Bundy defeated Miss Welch, 6-2, and was never in trouble. Shields took the measure of both Russell and Hunt in succeeding matches, his steady game and powerful serve overcoming the smashing service of Hunt and the dexterity of the Good Neighbor visitor. Miss Bundy and Russell then combined to defeat Miss Gallagher and Hunt in a doubles set, 6-3.

Little Miss Gallagher provided one surprise and Chief Mako another on the second day of the exhibitions, the former coming from way back to even a set with Miss Bundy, 6-6. Lack of time prevented playing out the set to a decision.

Hunt and Russell fought to another decisionless set, 5-5, and Shields and Russell atoned for earlier lapses by defeating Mako and Hunt, 6-3, in the final set.

Temporary bleachers were set up beside one of the courts near corps quarters for spectators. The first day's matches were witnessed by Capt. C. M. Shaar, MOIC, and Capt. I. L. V. Norman, Executive Officer.

Arrangements for the event were in charge of Lt. (jg) Morris A. Bugbee, assistant Welfare and Recreation officer.

Top row, left to right: Russell follows through; Shields plays flawless net; Chief Mako in action; Hunt aces (lower right.) The tennis stars in the informal chat with wheel chair patients are Wm. Talbert, Russell, Shields (autographing racket) and Hunt.

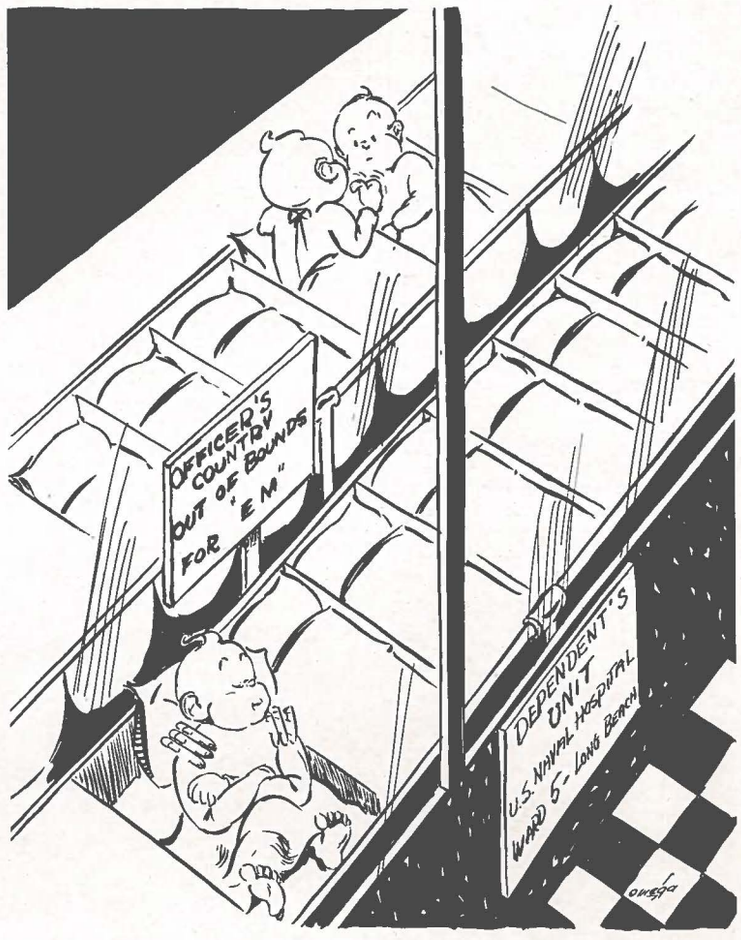
Milk for Your Saucer

How close are you to the gay colored and smart looking dresses in Madamoiselle which bring out the "ahhs" and oohs" (plus whistles from the masculine population) —the startling hats that rise above the white-top jobs we've squared on for so long—the toeless and heelless sandles—and perhaps a bangle? Ever since the point release system, the revisions to that, and the revisions to the revisions came out, the gals in the Waves' domain have been adding up points —even to the extent of admitting the full span of their years!

Six Waves who were mathematical wonders (or who'd responded to the first waving of flags and had a showing for "length of service,") departed for the separation center in T. I. in the middle of September. We hear tell that the set-up over there lends itself to the transitional period for getting ex-Waves back into civilian habits (instead of living with a regiment they have individual rooms; every night liberty; and no inspections.) We inquired into the post-war program of this lucky first contingent: **Mannella** (first or last name? It still overshadows all other mysteries!) treks back to Jersey to begin arrangements for middle-aisling it; **Helen Thorp** returns to a civil service job in Kansas City; **Georgia McMeekin's** headin' south, to bask in the warmer clime around Atlanta, Ga. (so that's why we never called her "Della," her right monacle) and await the return of her army husband now in Germany; **Inga Shaw** will secure a position in Los Angeles until S/Sgt. Thomas B. Shaw begins the tune of "California—and Inga—Here I Come!"; **Helen Dixon** not capable of completely severing relations with the Navy, will work at the Naval Drydocks in San Pedro; and **Marie LaMarsh** plans to reside again in her native state of Michigan.

Always interested in the future, you know, we thought we might borrow some goals from those who'd already established 'em. In an incognito state (bobby pins and cold cream) we started through the barracks inquiring, "What do you plan to do the day after tomorrow, providing you're released tomorrow?" and gleaned this wealth of information. **Julie Kitchak** plans to take up interior decorating (she'll be an artist at it too, judging from the lovely flower arrangements with which she adorns the Waves quarters' lounge.) **Kay Wagner** opined that she may go to school, just rest, work, or take a trip—definitely a girl with a purpose! Then there are the prospective toothpick manufacturers—**Alma Tosi** and **Alice Miller.** (We don't know where they got their vocational guidance!) **Mildred Allen** wants to be her own boss, even if it means building a cigar store on the corner of Hollywood and Vine and being sole proprietor, clerk, and window washer!

So we find everyone is eager to get on the "road to normalcy." Be seeing you along the way!



HUMERUS by RIGOR MORTIS JR.

A sailor completing more than 30 years of continuous service in the Navy retired with a tidy sum of $51,000. He amassed this comfortable fortune through careful investment of his savings and the death of an uncle who left him $50,995.

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"Oh, dear," she exclaimed, "I've missed you so much!" Then she raised the revolver and fired again.

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Civilian problem—for those who thought there'd be none.

Patient (after operation): "Say, Doc, you surely kept your promise when you said you'd have me walking again in a month."

Doctor: "Well, well, that's fine."

Patient: "Yes, I had to sell my car to meet your bill."

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Dischargee: "Will this suit hold its shape?

Salesman: Absolutely, it's 100% virgin wool.

Dischargee: I don't care about the morals of sheep—will this suit hold its shape?

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Famous last lines: Well, if he won't dim his lights, I won't dim mine.

NURSES' LOG

Bon Voyage

To Miss Olson and the other nurses who have recently left for "overseas," smooth sailing and a happy cruise!

We Wonder

If Marion Ahlquist writes a column influenced by Tropical Moonlight and Coral Strands.

Absentees

Our condolence to those who didn't attend Miss Olson's farewell party (which we hope was a surprise.) You missed a good time and a peek at the gorgous silver service—a gift from us all.

Dinner-Dancing

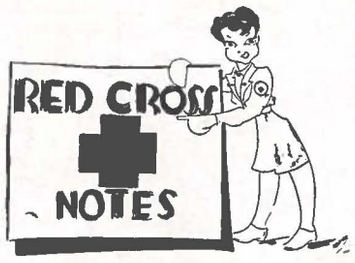
The staff dinner dance at the Lakewood Country Club was attended by 23 nurses and their escorts. "An enjoyable evening" was the unanimous report.

We're Glad

That so many new girls have attended the "Bowl Parties" and other functions lined up by Lt. T. A. Usenia (NC), our new Welfare and Recreation representative.

A Rousing Welcome

To our new Chief Nurse, Lt. Comdr. Mildred A. E. Marean! She hails from the USS Refuge and is a veteran of both the Mediterranean and Pacific Theaters. Her salty tales of Europe and the East delight the ears of us landlubbers.



If girls, games and refreshments mean a good time, then being confined to the hospital on a Saturday night should not make one too unhappy. Weekly Saturday and Wednesday night parties have been planned for the wards, at which time about thirty attractive young girls will come to the hospital to play games and entertain the patients. Refreshments—and plenty of them— are served by the Red Cross Canteen. The confined wards thus far have had two parties and it is hoped that there will be many more in the near future.

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Miss Joyce Papo, hospital worker in the E-8 office, has been transferred to the Naval Hospital at San Leandro. Miss Papo has been stationed at this hospital for fourteen months. Miss Kay Matthews, social worker, has been transferred to USNH, Seattle, Wash. Mrs. Dorothy Kagan, social worker, who comes here from Ft. Ord Regional Hospital, has been with Red Cross for three years. She is a graduate of the San Francisco State College and of the School of Social Work at the University of Washington. American Red Cross is especially pleased over the fact that it has three new recreation workers this past month. Miss Luella M. Stearns, who formerly was Director of the Government Child Care Center at Manhattan Beach, Calif., and who taught in kindergarten and primary grades, comes to this hospital as her first Red Cross assignment. Miss Irma Marie Rohr may be described as being something of an "experienced salt" in that she has been with Red Cross at Great Lakes Naval Hospital, Ill. Miss Rohr, who is especially interested in art—water colors, textile designing and ceramics—taught art in Iowa, her home state. She is a graduate of Iowa State Teachers' College and also of Ohio State College. Miss Leah Coleman has been a hospital train recreation worker for the past year, traveling across country. Prior to that she was stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash. Miss Coleman taught school after her graduation from the University of Utah.

Long Beach USNH is first Red Cross assignment also for Mrs. Peggy J. Higgins, hospital worker. She is a graduate of Oregon State College and the Cumnock School in Los Angeles, majoring in Dramatics. Mrs. Higgins is a camera devotee, being especially interested in "anything related to 16 mm., sound or silent." Miss Marjory Carroll, hospital worker, has been with the Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Ark. She is a graduate of the University of Iowa, where she majored in Home Economics.

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Red Cross is continuing to sponsor a monthly dance for the patients in the hospital auditorium. Don't forget: Watch your ward bulletin board for the announcements of the dates on which dances will be given.